

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Gibson's Ridge
other names/site number Woodview (preferred) HA-1228

2. Location

street & number 1326
~~1236~~ Somerville Road N/A not for publication
city, town Bel Air ☒ vicinity
state Maryland code MD county Harford code 025 zip code 21014

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	2	1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object		objects
		2	1 Total

Number of related multiple property listing: N/A
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

Date

9/11/90

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

☐ entered in the National Register.☐ See continuation sheet.☐ determined eligible for the National Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.☐ removed from the National Register.☐ other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

DOMESTIC/secondary structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

DOMESTIC/secondary structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Federal

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls stone

roof slate

other wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

Woodview is a two-section, 2 1/2-story stone house. The main section reads as five bays wide beneath a slate covered gable roof but it actually consists of two still-discernable parts: the older dates to c. 1744, and is three bays wide with a two-room plan; each room had a gable-end chimney and a corner enclosed winder stair. The newer part, dating to c. 1820 and built to the west, is two bays wide and contains a stair hall and one large room per floor; the two sections are discernable on the exterior due to a seam in the mortar, to the latter sections's slightly larger scale and somewhat more sophisticated masonry, that is, more careful coursing and the presence of bold quoins and large lintels. Both sections' exterior wooden trim such as louvered shutters with their hardware, window framing, and beaded box cornice, is intact and dates to the c. 1820 period; the same is true on the interior since the older section was apparently remodelled when the newer section was added; the old floor plan was changed slightly (see below) and both sections were given unity by fine and uniform late federal wooden trim. This is intact and consists of delicately molded chairrails and reeded door surrounds with bulls'-eye blocks. There is a small-scale, 2 1/2-story stone wing extending to the east of the older section; dating to the 18th century and probably the contemporaneous kitchen wing for the c. 1744 section, it is likewise two bays wide beneath a slate gable roof and contains one room per floor. The property also contains two outbuildings. The first is an extensively remodelled 18th-century one-story stone structure located about 50 feet northeast of the kitchen wing; it originally had a frame second story and the entire building is believed by the present owners to have been a slaves' quarters; it has been remodelled into a garage and is non-contributing. There is also a stone spring house. Located at the foot of a hill about 150 yards south of the house, the spring house, probably nineteenth century, resembles, with its barrel-vaulted roofline, a modern stone Quonset hut and is unique in Harford County.

8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locallyApplicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ DCriteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GAreas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
ArchitecturePeriod of Significance
1744, c.1820Significant Dates
1744

c.1820

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

Woodview, significant for its architecture, is a superior example of two distinct periods of Harford County building. The still-discernable older section, probably built c. 1745 after the locally prominent Norris family acquired the land in 1744, is one of a handful of remaining examples of the sort of mid-18th century vernacular house constructed in Harford County by prosperous second-generation residents, that is, by those men and women, generally children of patentees, whose financial success at farming or milling raised them above the subsistence level but who were unfamiliar with or chose not to follow the more high style Georgian design precepts favored by their worldlier, wealthier neighbors. Eighty years later the house was purchased by the Pue family (six generations of whom have lived there and owned it ever since); the Pues were doctors and industrialists endowed with greater capital and more travelled than the earlier agriculturalist owners had been. Familiar with more formal design dicta, the Pues remodelled and expanded the house in accordance with those principles (although the earlier house is still visible) resulting in one of Harford County's best examples of federal architecture--and finest examples of the stone mason's art--comparable to two federal stone houses built within five years of Woodview's second stage and already listed in the Register.

☒ See continuation sheet 8.1
for HISTORIC CONTEXT and MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN data.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)
has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings
Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering
Record # _____

☒ See continuation sheet 9.1

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acres of property 37.87 acres

USGS quad: Edgewood, MD

UTM References

A 18 384280 4372690
Zone Easting Northing

C 18 383950 4372230

B 18 384210 4372350
Zone Easting Northing

D 18 383670 4372780

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Verbal Boundary Description

The property consists of parcels 9 and 434 on State Assessment Tax Map No. 56 for Harford County.

☒ See continuation sheet 10.1

Boundary Justification

Boundaries encompass the main home, outbuildings, field, forest, and stream valley that have historically been the setting of Woodview since the nineteenth century.

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11. Form Prepared By

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Woodview is a two-section, 2 1/2-story stone house in a rural section of generally suburban central Harford County, Maryland, about three miles south of the county seat, Bel Air. The house is built to crown a grassy man-made terrace overlooking both the densely wooded Winter's Run and Plum Tree Run valleys. An ancient grove of both mixed and native trees and shrubs (Chinese larch, chestnut, maple, locust, spruce, ash, magnolia grandiflora, and holly) shade the house to the southwest with a modern orchard and grape arbor beyond to the west.

The main section now reads as five bays wide beneath a slate covered gable roof (with the roofline running generally east-west), but it consists of two parts. The older part dates to c. 1745¹, is built of randomly coursed native stone, and is three bays wide with a two-room plan. The two rooms were originally reverse mirror images of each other; each room had a gable-end chimney and a corner enclosed winder stair; one stair was in the northwest corner of the present dining room (and was probably removed during the c. 1820 remodelling); the other was in the southeast corner of the present kitchen (and was removed c. 1934).

There is a smaller scale two-bay, 2 1/2-story, 18th century stone wing extending from to the east wall of the old section. Its stone walls are laid in random courses and it contains one room per

¹Conversation between Michael Pue Crocker and Christopher Weeks, April 10, 1990.

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floor with a simple open stair running up the west wall; the large fireplace that all but fills the east wall is further support for the family-held assertion that this room was the house's original kitchen; within, this wing's stone walls are coated roughly with plaster; window and door trim is very simple and, in its simplicity, may have matched the original treatment in the main rooms of the house.

The newer part, or western one-third, dates to c. 1820. Built in a somewhat larger scale, the newer wing is two bays wide and contains a stair hall and one large room on the ground floor; the two sections are discernable on the exterior by a seam in the mortar and by the latter section's somewhat more sophisticated masonry, that is, more careful coursing and the presence of bold quoins and, at the windows and doors, large stone lintels. Exterior wooden trim (original louvered shutters with their hardware, window framing, beaded box cornice, panelled entrance recesses, and so on) is intact and dates to the c. 1820 period; windows of the 18th-century section were remodelled at that time and have remained unchanged since. The main windows in the parlor (one in the north facade and one in the south facade) have eight-over-eight panes suitable to the parlor's elegance and formality. The c. 1820 addition contains a wide stairhall and formal parlor.

On the interior, the older section was apparently remodelled when the new section was added; the old floor plan was changed slightly: the former kitchen became a store room, the old east room became the kitchen, and a new hallway was constructed to simultaneously provide an interior wall to the new kitchen and to provide passage to the old kitchen wing from what became and still remains the dining room. (In addition, the old kitchen received a one-story simple porch across its

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west facade.)

Four regularly placed dormers punctuate the south roof and probably date to c. 1820.

The main entrances (both in the 1820 section) are placed within panelled door surrounds. A beaded box cornice--a locally unusual refinement--crowns the north and south facades; all windows retain their original louvered shutters. (The end--west--wall has a beaded cornice flush with the roof; the smaller section has a plain box cornice; that facade has two windows per floor, regularly placed around a central protruding stone chimney; the windows are two-thirds versions of the six-over-six windows on the main facades, that is, they measure four-over-four but would be identical to the others if all were six-over-six.

The exterior is given unity by beaded box cornices, repeated window treatment, and other devices; the interior is given unity by fine and uniform late federal wooden trim including delicately molded chairrails, reeded door surrounds with bulls'-eye blocks, and six-panel doors between all rooms. Virtually all of this trim remains intact. In addition, the stair, with its square balusters and simply carved step-end trim, is a good example of Harford County federal design dicta; it closely resembles the stairhall at Woodside (National Register), a stone house about two miles away built in 1823. The mantle in the parlor, with its carved pilasters and suggestion of a full entablature in the mantle shelf, is also a good example of its time and place and is similar in spirit to mantels seen in nearby Mount Adams (built in 1817 and listed in the National Register). Flooring throughout much of the

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house is made of uniform-width white pine boards and is unchanged from the 1820s.

Two stone outbuildings stand on the property. A one-story structure, located about 50 feet northeast of the old kitchen, is thought to have been slaves quarters. It has been remodelled--it originally had a frame second story--and is now a garage and storage room and is non-contributing. Unchanged (but of uncertain date) is a still-functioning spring house built into the foot of a hill about 150 yards south of the main house. Of native stone (and so carefully coursed as to suggest that it might be a contemporary of the 1820s addition) its barrel-vaulted roof makes it resemble a modern Quonset hut in design. No similar stone construction is known to exist in Harford County.

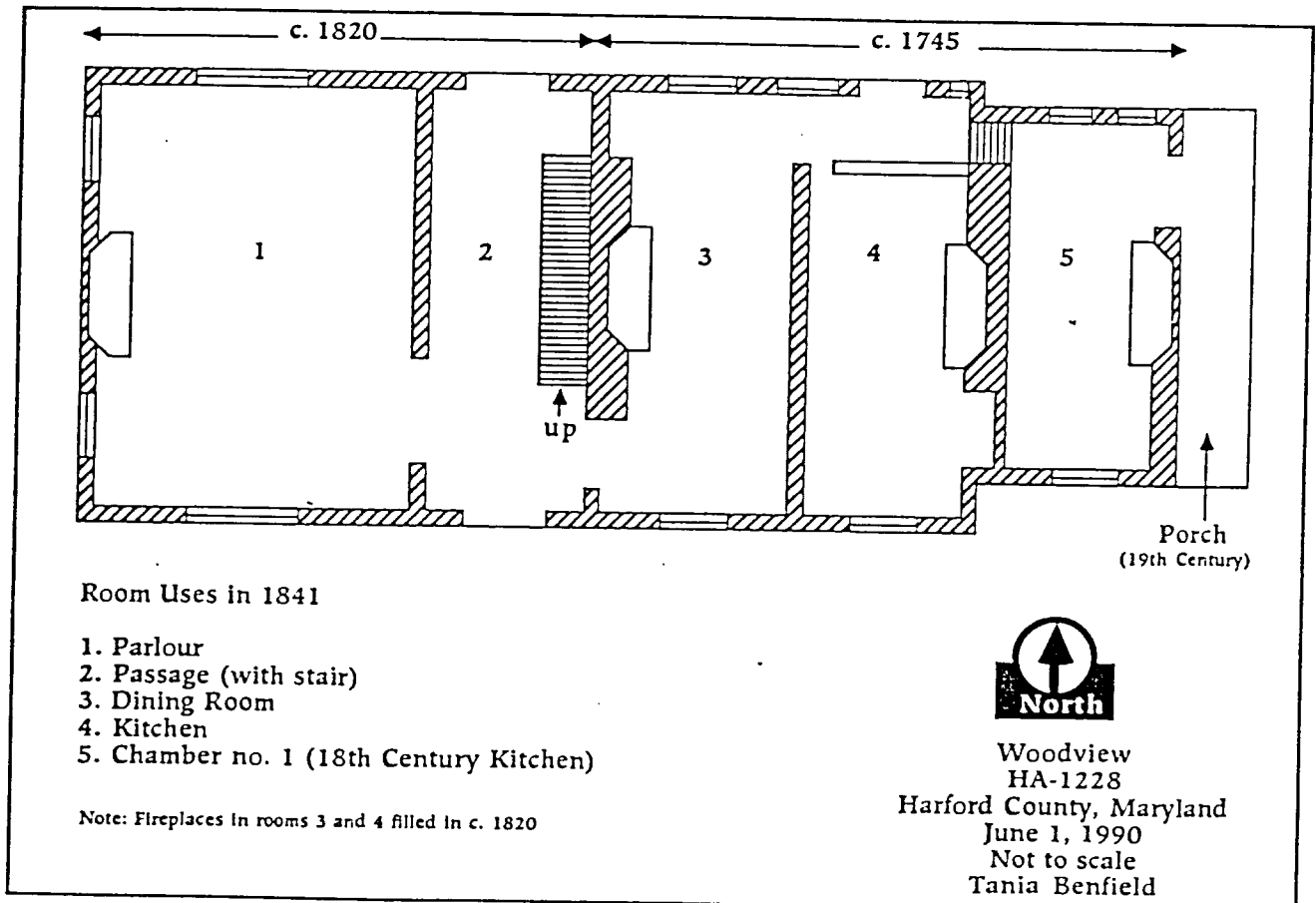
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first floor plan



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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Contact and Settlement Period	1570-1750 A.D.
Rural Agrarian Intensification	1680-1815 A.D.
Agricultural-Industrial Transition	1815-1870 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): DOMESTIC/single dwelling
DOMESTIC/secondary structure

Known Design Source: none

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HISTORIC CONTEXT

Generations of historians have observed that while Maryland's Chesapeake Bay coast line was quickly and densely settled in the 17th century, "nothing of especial interest occurred"¹inland and "much of the region inland was not known to white men until well after 1700;"²even though absentee landlords had patented much of the forested interior in the 17th century the land would remain uninhabited for a generation or two. The Bay shoreline of present day Harford County (originally a part of Baltimore County) is pierced by two broad, tidal rivers, the Bush and the Gunpowder. The banks of these rivers were so thoroughly settled at such an early date so as to make them the logical sites of the earliest county seats, Old Baltimore (on the Bush, seat from 1669 until 1691) and Gunpowder (on the Gunpowder, 1691 until 1709). Once the desirable waterfront land had been claimed, colonists used those streams, as well as Winter's and Bynum Runs, to move inland, taking up "land along water courses...gradually extending up into the forests" so that by the time of the Revolution, "the population of Harford County [erected out of Baltimore County in 1773] was about 13,000."³

¹Walter W. Preston, History of Harford County, (Baltimore: Sun Book Office, 1901), p.29.

²C. Milton Wright, Our Harford Heritage, (Bel Air, Maryland: privately printed, 1967), p.28.

³Preston, History. p.29.

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Woodview may be read as an embodiment of that upland-settling process. It is built on a part of a 500-acre parcel of land patented as Gibson's Ridge by Miles Gibson in the 17th century.⁴ Based on examination of Restoration-era documents in the Maryland Hall of Records, Gibson appears to have been a typical colonial land speculator; he first enters the records as a patentee in what would become central Harford County in 1668; he acquired more land in the area in 1674, 1676, 1677, 1678 (seven tracts), 1679 (six tracts), 1680, and 1683 (four tracts)⁵. But these are of little but academic interest since there is no evidence to suggest that any settlers filtered into these remote interior reaches; instead, 17th-century colonists stayed on farms and in hamlets such as Old Baltimore and Joppa close to the Chesapeake Bay and the broad, estuarial streams which feed it.

The 500 acres of Gibson's Ridge remained intact (and undeveloped) as the parcel passed back and forth among other land speculators, eventually ending up, in 1742, in the ownership of Thomas White⁶. White was a lawyer born in London in 1704⁷, who sailed to Maryland in 1732, part of "the retinue of Charles Calvert [5th Lord Baltimore], who came out to the province in that year to

⁴Patent in Book TW #26, page 13; copy in the Land Records of Harford County, Bel Air.

⁵Microfilmed records in the Maryland Hall of Records, Annapolis.

⁶Baltimore County Deed Book TB #C, page 576.

⁷Historic American Buildings Survey report on Sophia's Dairy made in June 1936; originally recorded as HABS No. MD. 8; reclassified as HABS MD. 13-Belca-1.

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become governor."⁸ Doubtless aided by his friendship with the Lords Baltimore, White became one of the largest landowners in the colony, amassing over 7700 acres in Baltimore (now Harford) County beginning with his 1730 patent, Polecat Neck.⁹ His lands (including Gibson's Ridge) generally stretched up the still-undeveloped valleys along Winters, Plum Tree, James, and Bynum Run. They also included the tract called Sophia's Dairy, at present day Belcamp.

Then White, presumably seeing possibilities of greater financial reward, moved to the burgeoning city of Philadelphia in 1745. There he married in 1747 and his children achieved some renown: son William became the post-Revolutionary Bishop of Pennsylvania, the first bishop in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, while a daughter, Mary, married Robert Morris, Signer of the Declaration and widely remembered as the "Financier of the Revolution." White had held on to some of his Maryland lands, including Sophia's Dairy on the then-navigable Bush River at present day Belcamp; he eventually gave that tract to his daughter, Sophia, on the occasion of her marriage to Aquilla Hall in 1768 and on which the Halls (with White's help) built Sophia's Dairy, one of the undisputed great high-style houses of Maryland. Other, more remote, lands were expendable to White, including Gibson's Ridge; he subdivided that tract in 1744 (the year before he moved to Philadelphia) and sold 270 acres of it that year to Benjamin Norris.¹⁰

⁸Walter W. Preston, History of Harford County, (Baltimore: Sun Book Office, 1901), pp. 33, 34.

⁹Preston, History, p. 33.

¹⁰Baltimore County Deed Book TB #D, page 159.

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The Norrises lived in an entirely different manner from the comparatively glamorous White. Benjamin Norris, purchaser of part of Gibson's Ridge and the progenitor of the family in America, settled in Harford County around 1690 taking up tracts "extending from Bynum's Run...to the Little Gunpowder Falls"¹¹, turning the virgin land into productive farms and erecting mills along the swift streams. Benjamin Norris also begat a family of sturdy farmers and millers who would continue to clear and use the land along the Bynum Run and Winter's Run valleys for growing grain and for then milling the grain into flour. They also would build, on their productive acres, simple stone houses, a few of which still stand. These survivors include the oldest house on the Olney tract, built by Edward Norris and sometimes dated 1758, sometimes 1765 (HA-881; National Register) and Mount Pleasant or the Norris-Stirling House built by Benjamin Norris's grandson "early in the eighteenth century"¹²; (HA-153; National Register); both of these are close to Winter's Run and less than a half-mile from Woodview.

The Edward Norris house at Olney is particularly instructive since its unaltered plan is a half-scale version of the older section of Woodview. Edward's stone house has one room per floor with a fireplace centered on one end wall and corner winder stair; Woodview originally had two rooms per floor each with a fireplace centered on one end wall and each with a corner winder stair.

¹¹Preston, History, p. 210.

¹²Preston, History, p.210.

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Nearby houses with plans and histories similar to Woodview include Joshua's Meadows (HA-356; National Register; standing by 1747) built on a terrace hilltop--a site nearly identical to Woodview--less than a mile and half up the Winter's Run Valley and Broom's Bloom (HA-1075; determined to be National Register-eligible) which is believed to date from the 1740s) and which was built between the Bynum Run and James Run valleys.

The Bonds who built Joshua's Meadows and the Websters who built Broom's Bloom were prosperous millers who played important roles in local activities; the same could be said of the Norrises. Benjamin Norris's grandson Bradford signed the famous Bush Declaration in 1775, one of the earliest declarations of independence in the colonies; he "was also a soldier in the Revolutionary Army, and served with a company raised and operated by his brother," Jacob.¹³ Jacob established "a grist and saw mill on Winters Run 4 miles from Bel Air" which descendants kept running into the 1880s.¹⁴; similarly, Webster and Bond mills dot the area on the 1794 Griffith map of Maryland. "One of Jacob Norris's sons was a commander in the United States Navy, and was lost at sea on the Hornet during the Revolution." Another of Benjamin's grandsons "was very highly esteemed by the people of his community and was appointed to represent them in the first Legislature that was convened after the State government was established."¹⁵ In all, the Norrises,

¹³Preston, History, p. 210.

¹⁴John McGrain, Molinography of Harford County, unpublished typescript in the Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning, Bel Air.

¹⁵Preston, History, p. 211.

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prominent Quakers, "by intermarriage with the Tysons and other Quaker families in the Gunpowder Falls Quaker district of Northern Maryland" would remain important in the county's history well into the 19th century¹⁶ just as would the Bonds of Joshua's Meadows and the Websters and Dallams of Broom's Bloom. While these families were prominent, they clearly operated on a different level from Thomas White, and their houses are just as clearly different from--but no less important than--White's magnificent Sophia's Dairy at Belcamp (originally Bull's Camp).

In 1771 Norris's grandson, also named Benjamin, sold 125 acres of the diminished Gibson's Ridge tract as well as 75 acres of "Addition to Gibson's Ridge" to Isaac Whitaker,¹⁷ a member of another prominent milling family. (See, for example, the National Register Whitaker Mill Historic District, HA-1089, 1117, and 1237, located where Whitaker Mill Road crosses Winter's Run, about one-third of a mile upstream from Woodview.) On August 31, 1790, Isaac Whitaker "of Harford County, Farmer" sold the same parcel (125 plus 75 acres) to "John Swinyard Whitaker of Harford County, Farmer."¹⁸ (Four months earlier, on that April 3, Isaac had been involved with a boundary dispute involving various "tracts on Winter's Run" with Jacob Norris.¹⁹) The Federal Direct Tax of 1798, one of the earliest reliable records of what was built in America, notes that John S. "Waittaker"

¹⁶J. Alexis Shriver, History of Old Olney, privately published pamphlet, copy Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning.

¹⁷Baltimore County Deed Book C, page 110.

¹⁸Harford County Deed Book JLG #K, page 488.

¹⁹JLG #I, page 124.

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was assessed for a "2 story stone house" measuring 39' by 25' and a "24 x 25 kitchen, stone", dimensions which line up nicely with the oldest sections of Woodview. "Waittaker" was also assessed for a pair of matching stone "outhouses", each 30' by 22', one of which could be the one-story stone structure near the house. (The springhouse--see Description--does not remotely come close to these dimensions.)

John S. Whitaker lived on into the early years of the Republic (there was a John Whitaker listed as an enlisted man in "Captain Robert Harris's Company of Harford Rifles" in the Revolution²⁰) to die in 1815 and on March 15, 1815, one Henry Martin bought the "goods, chattels and tenements of John S. Whitaker, deceased" which had to be sold at a Sheriff's Sale to pay off the estate's debts.²¹

Actually, Whitaker had sold the property to Martin in 1812 for \$1500²², so perhaps the 1815 sale was merely some sort of confirmatory action. Martin was listed as owner of "Lands part of Gibson's Ridge and Addition Do." in the 1814 Direct Tax; the appraisers then noted "whereon are erected a dwelling house of stone 3-? by 2-? two story high" and "one kitchen 21 by 28 of stone." (Hard-to-decipher handwriting it impossible to determine whether the house dimensions are 39 by 29 or

²⁰Preston, History, p. 211.

²¹HD #Y, page 259.

²²HD #W, page 309.

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30 by 20; either would be reasonably close to what was noted in 1798 and to what stands now. The kitchen dimensions are 3 feet off length and width--would that represent the difference between measurements of a thick-walled stone structure taken internally and externally?) The 1814 appraisers also assessed a "one cooper shop 35 by 16 stone" which may be one of the 1798 outbuildings. They also observed three other outbuildings, a smokehouse, a stable, and a log barn and described them as "old", "very sorry", and "not good for much" respectively.

The metes and bounds descriptions for both the 1812 and 1815 sales (the property is identical) begins at the poplar tree that was the original beginning of Gibson's Ridge. Martin quickly passed from the scene for he turned around and sold the same land (125 acres plus 75) on December 10, 1817, to Caleb Pue (1780-1841) for \$3000 (a 100% profit in two years).²³

With the more worldly PUES, whose descendants have continuously owned and lived in the property to this day, Woodview's history takes a shift from the Norris-Whitaker occupancy. The Orphan's Court papers for John S. Whitaker show a total estate valued at \$307.90, with the two largest items being "5 hogs at \$10 each" and "a small quantity of corn...\$49;" furnishings in the old two-room plan house (by then the dwelling was over 70 years old) were grouped together in a jumbled manner making a room-by-room comparison impossible, but nonetheless making it easy to see that Whitaker lived simply: except for a bed valued at \$22.50, no furniture was worth more than "5 old

²³HD #1, page 175.

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chairs, \$3.12." (For comparison, a "barrell dried peaches" was valued at \$4.00.)²⁴

The Franco-Irish Huguenot Pue family had for some generations lived with concerns beyond five hogs and a barrel of dried peaches. In the 17th century one of Caleb Pue's ancestors had established Pue's Occurrences,[sic] the first newspaper in Ireland. Caleb's father, Dr. Michael Pue (1742-1795) was a Dublin-born physician who immigrated to America and settled in Baltimore City in the 1760s;²⁵ he evidently prospered there for a Dr. Pue "was the largest taxpayer in the city [Baltimore] in 1765" and "his descendants have long been associated with the history of Maryland."²⁶ In 1769 Caleb Pue (a son of Dr. Michael Pue) married Priscilla Dorsey (b. 1725), whose parents, Caleb and Priscilla Hill Dorsey, had begun the house known as Belmont in Elkridge, Howard County, in the 1730s. Priscilla Dorsey Pue's sister, Rebecca (1739-1812), married Charles Ridgley;²⁷ this is of more than genealogical interest for the Ridgleys, Dorseys, and Pues were not only connected by blood, they were also in the iron business together: Dr. Michael Pue established "extensive ironworks in Anne Arundel County" which he operated with the help of his

²⁴Harford County Estate No. 1392.

²⁵Material in possession of Michael Pue Crocker, Woodview, Bel Air, Maryland. See also Robert Hunter, The History of the Irish Newspaper 1685-1760, (Cambridge, England: Cambridge University Press, 1967) at pp. 26,34,38,58-60,63,131-133,159, and 166-167.

²⁶Portrait and Biographical Record of Harford and Cecil Counties, (New York: Chapman Publishing Company, 1897), p. 153.

²⁷Crocker papers. See also Edward C. Papenfuss et al, A Biographical Dictionary of the Maryland Legislature, 1635-1789, (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1979). pp.275,682-684.

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sons-in-law, Pue and Ridgley. Of course Ridgley went on to even greater success in the iron business than his relations enjoyed as his mansion Hampton, built just after the Revolution, evinces.

Caleb Pue, fifth child of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Pue, was born near Elkridge in present day Howard County but moved to Harford County in the early 19th century; upon his arrival in Harford, he settled down to lead the life of a successful entrepreneur, buying and selling lands throughout the county; when he died in 1841 he owned, in addition to Woodview/Gibson's Ridge, three tenant farms fronting the Chesapeake in the Gunpowder Neck (totalling 530 acres and regarding the sale of which he had exchanged several letters with the Philadelphia sportsman General George Cadwalader), two lots in the then flourishing town of Abingdon on the Old Post Road, and adjacent to the Woodview farm "where Caleb Pue lived"²⁸, what is now known as Whitaker Mill and its surrounding farm. His capitalistic ventures led him into Baltimore City, too, for at his death he owned four improved and rent-producing lots in town, valuable property near the harbor. He also owned a good deal of stock in various Baltimore banks and he invested in such public-spirited ventures as "737 shares Reisterstown Road stock, \$856" and "8 shares Baltimore Water Stock" and "376 shares Frederick Town Road stock, \$1,974;" all these shares were valued at \$8,690.²⁹

In 1822, five years after he purchased Woodview, Caleb Pue married his second wife (his first wife

²⁸Harford County Equity Case No. 565.

²⁹Harford County Estate No. 2224.

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having died); born Harriet Bond, the second Mrs. Pue was a descendant of the well-to-do milling and land-owning Bond family, whose seat, Joshua's Meadows, is, as has been discussed, located less than two miles up Winter's Run from Woodview. It is not impossible that Woodview's remodelling marks the occasion of the marriage. It is also worth noting that at approximately the same time the Bonds were remodelling Joshua's Meadows with trim--chairrails, mantels, door surrounds with bulls-eye block--that closely resembles the trim in Woodview.

If it is certain that Caleb Pue may be credited with the present appearance of Woodview, it is easy to assume that the old and largely astylar Norris-Whitaker house would not have suited his tastes, scion as he was, of several high-style houses in the Baltimore area. (In addition to his grandparents' Belmont and his aunt's Hampton, there is Temora, an Italianate villa built by a cousin, Dr. Arthur Pue [born around 1807], to the design of architect Nathan G. Starkweather.³⁰) To make Woodview grander, and possibly to keep up with what his Bond in-laws were doing at Joshua's Meadows, Pue added the hall and parlor wing to the west.

Even though Pue took care to keep the old roofline intact, his work is easy to separate visually from the older dwelling: on the exterior it is marked by more refined stone work (defined coursing, large quoins, and notable stone lintels) and wood trim (window framing, beaded box cornice, and elaborate panelled entrance doors) all of which had been absent in the older section. Moreover,

³⁰Joetta M. Cramm, A Pictorial History of Howard County, (Norfolk, Virginia: Donning Company, 1987), p. 76.

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Pue's addition is more generously scaled than the Norris-Whitaker house had been, a fact quickly suggested by the window paning: six-over-six in the old wing; eight-over-eight in Pue's wing. On the interior, Pue gave his new rooms up-to-date wood trim (scroll step ends, beaded and multipart chairrails, six-panel doors, beaded baseboards, door surrounds with bulls-eye blocks) and he carried these motifs into the older wing as well. His new, elegant, open stair rendered the old winder stairs obsolete and he removed the one from what became his dining room, turning the space into a closet. The winder stair in the room Pue made over into a kitchen remained until the 1930s; doubtless such an old-fashioned stair would have been satisfactory for a service space.

Pue's work at Woodview compares favorably with other stone federal houses in Harford County. Perhaps its closest peer, both geographically and chronologically, is Woodside (HA-693, 694, 695, 696; National Register); located about two miles away and built in 1823, the 2 1/2-story, sidehall/double parlor Woodside suggests Woodview in massing, in exterior stone work, and in interior trim (although Woodside has one touch--marbleized baseboards--missing from Woodview). These similarities may also be seen at Oak Farm (HA-169; listed in the National Register as part of the Finney Houses Historic District), an 1821 stone, sidehall/double parlor house built about eight miles away. It is worth noting that Woodside and Oak Farm were built by professional men (the former by a doctor, the latter by a minister) who would have enjoyed a similar economic (and presumably cultural) status as the sophisticated Pue.

In addition to the house and remodelled slaves quarters, the Woodview property contains one

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outbuilding--the springhouse-- that is unusual even in Harford County, a county rich in idiosyncratic dependencies. One comparable structure might be the D.H. Springhouse (HA-44; National Register) a quirkish one-story stone springhouse near Deer Creek. Woodview's springhouse, built entirely of stone, is just as interesting for it is of arched construction and resembles a modern Quonset hut in form. Still functioning with a spring that has never failed, it is believed to be unique in appearance and manner of construction.

There is no question but that the main house's configuration may be credited to Pue: it was not standing in 1814, just before he bought the property, yet it was in place at the time of his death, a fact proven by his estate inventory, made in 1841. The appraisers carefully listed the household furnishings in a room-by-room manner (unlike their rather slapdash method when dealing with Whitaker) making it easy to compare the house then with the house as it now stands. They included the Parlour (with elegant touches such as "1 pr. card tables \$20" and "1 pair Seegar Tongs \$2" as well as fireplace equipment such as brass andirons, fender, shovel, and tongs. The parlor also contained three decanters and roughly four dozen glasses of various sorts, possibly for the "50 bottles Port Wine @ 25 cents" or the "Large stone Jug with Whiskey" or "1 demijohn with Whiskey" also noted. Next came (and comes) the Passage which held "14 yds Carpeting" as well as "17 yds ditto on the stair" along with "18 stair rods." Progressing, one comes to the Dining Room (as one would today) which was appropriately furnished. The came--and comes--the Kitchen; then "Chamber No. 1" which was probably the present small wing, the 18th-century kitchen; it served as a sort of store room with dozens of pairs of sheets, towels, blankets, quilts, and table cloths.

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There follows a sequence of four rooms, presumably the upstairs bedrooms with, as "Room No. 5" the small second-story room in the wing since; like the old kitchen below, it seems to have been for storage since it contained, among other bric-a-brac, "1 Side Saddle", "1 Spinning Wheel", "1 Post Auger", "72 Bushels Timothy Seed", "1 large butter tub", and "1 Bushel Salt" in addition to a bedstead.

The Inventory also listed 11 slaves (valued from \$475 to \$100), giving support to the family oral tradition that the one-story stone outbuilding near the house was a slaves quarters. In all, Caleb Pue's personal property was valued at \$4,856.72, certainly for then a respectable figure.³¹

With Pue's death, his many parcels of real property were divided among his heirs (although it required a complicated equity case to do so); son Michael E. Pue (1817-1890) received Woodview "where Caleb Pue lived."

Caleb Pue's death may be said to mark the end of the period of significance for the property and the buildings have not been appreciably altered since. Some account might be taken of his immediate descendants since they lived in the house in a manner that continued to evoke his own background. Michael Pue, who moved to Woodview his parents (Caleb Pue and Caleb's first wife), became "one of the best known and most estimable citizens of Harford." He seems to have rested

³¹Estate No. 2224.

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on his family's economic laurels and lived, at Woodview, the quiet life of "an eminent farmer and horticulturalist, and took great pride in his farm, vineyards, and orchards." His obituary noted that "though taking a proper interest in public affairs he avoided active participation in politics;" the obituary writer went on to quote, apropos Michael Pue, Horace's well-known lines Beatus ille, qui procul negotiis/Ut prisca gens mortalium/Paterna rura bobus exercet Suis.³² (Loosely, "Fortunate is he who, like the former race of men, works with his cattle on his paternal land, far from mercantile concerns.")

Michael's son, Edward Hill Dorsey Pue (1840-1905), who would inherit Woodview (and is the present owner's grandfather) was, according to the Portrait and Biographical Record of Harford and Cecil Counties, born in Woodview. His mother was "Elizabeth Bull..a member of an old Harford County family," one of whose brothers was a doctor and another was "state's attorney of Harford County."³³

When the Civil War broke out "his decided southern sympathies led him to enlist in the Confederate army;" an officer, "Captain Pue", commanded Company K of J.E.B. Stuart's First Virginia Cavalry and took "an active part" in "every battle of the eastern army under General Lee,

³²Crocker papers.

³³Portrait, p. 153. Elizabeth Bull's family had settled at what was called Camp, since elided to "Belcamp," and site at present day Sophia's Dairy.

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amounting to two hundred and fifty battles and skirmishes³⁴, commanding Company K of J.E.B. Stuart's First Virginia Cavalry." The Baltimore Sun observed that this "gallant Maryland Confederate soldier" believed that "the invasion of the South was born of the devil, unwarranted, and a desecration...[and] believed it to be his duty to aid in repelling the invaders." Consequently, "he was always in the advance of his command, meeting the first shock of the Federal charge...until he assumed the appearance of a gladiator."³⁵ After the war E.H.D. Pue spent seven years in Virginia before "he returned to Harford County, where he...occupied his beautiful country home. Like his father, he is a Democrat in politics and an Episcopalian in religious connections."³⁶

In 1879 Capt. Pue married Cornelia Dunn, born in New Orleans and "a lady of fine education; " her father, an Episcopal minister, had been a "colonel on General Polk's staff and chaplain of the Louisiana Rifles. Her maternal grandfather (General Tobias Stansbury)...was a general in the army and assisted in defending Baltimore during the War of 1812. One of her uncles...was chief engineer in the army and a colonel in Beauregard's staff. The family is of aristocratic southern lineage and its members have been cultured and well educated"³⁷, thereby continuing the manner

³⁴Portrait, p. 153.

³⁵Crocker papers.

³⁶Portrait, p.153.

³⁷Portrait, p.154. Jefferson Davis, Mrs. Pue's godfather, had enrolled his sons in a church school conducted in conjunction with nearby St. Mary's Church (HA-168; National Register), where Michael E. Pue had been the first communicant; Davis often visited Mr. and Mrs. E.H.D. Pue at Woodview when he visited his sons at school.

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of life Caleb Pue brought to Harford County when he purchased and remodelled Woodview in the 1820s. The house has remained in the possession of Caleb's descendants, the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pue Crocker, taking title from his mother, Berthenia Stansbury Pue Crocker and her two sisters the late Clara Pue Graham and Elizabeth Pue Williams, in 1951.³⁸

³⁸Deed GRG 364, page 234.

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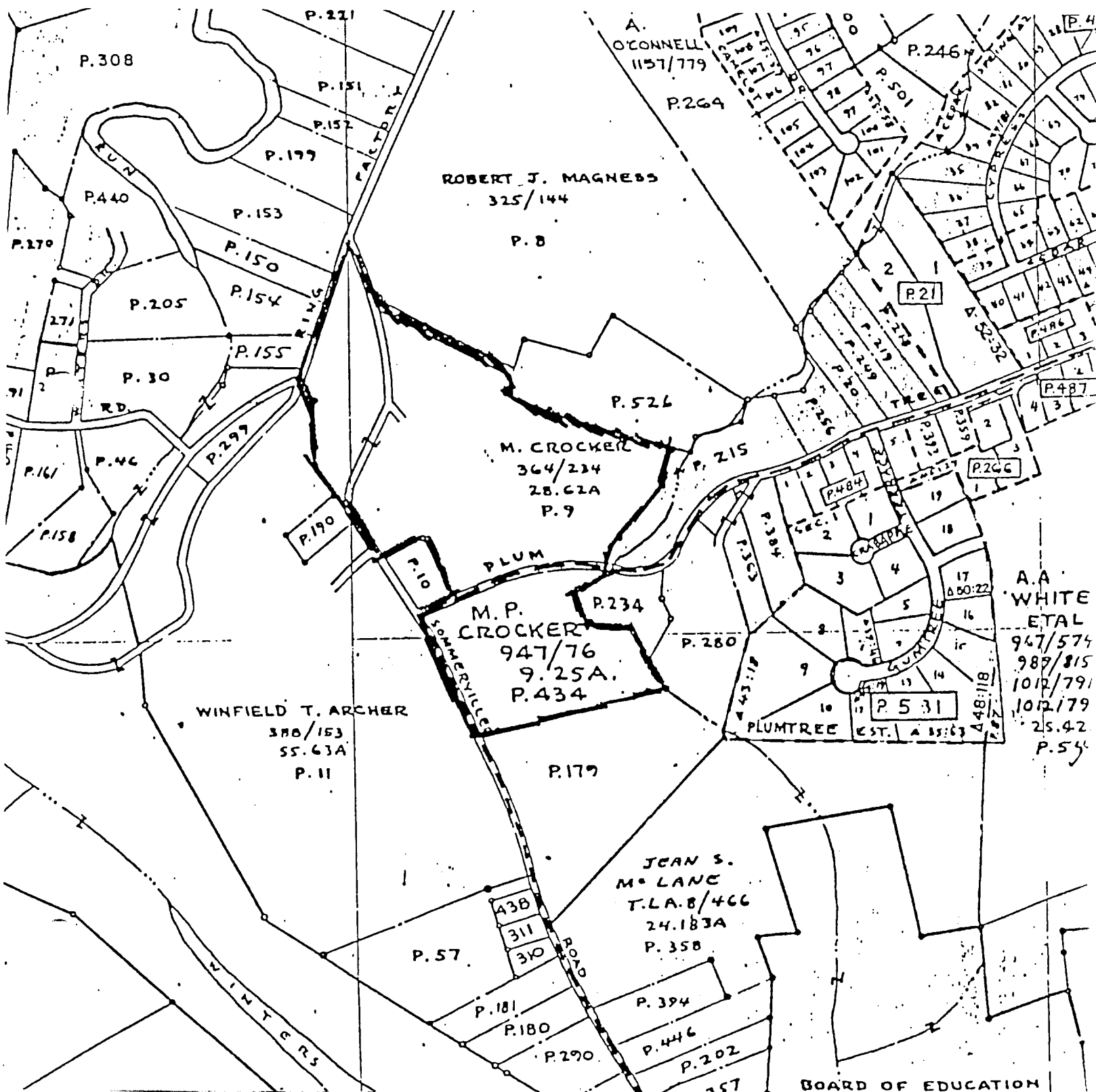
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Woodview
1326 ~~1320~~ Somerville Road
Bel Air, MD 21014

This house consists of three main units, all rubblestone, representing two ages. The center unit is said to be oldest and is thought to have been built prior to the 1798 Federal Tax Assessment. The two end units are thought to have been built circa 1810.

The oldest unit of this house is thought to have been built by Jacob Bull and the Pue family has been associated with this house since 1817.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Woodview

AND/OR COMMON

Woodview

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1326

~~1320~~ Somerville Road

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Crocker

Telephone #: 838-6530

STREET & NUMBER

1320 Somerville Road

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE, Harford County Courthouse
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 364

Folio #: 234

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

NA-1223

7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This stone dwelling is located on Somerville Road and faces south. Plum Tree Run passes through property.

The house consists of three main units, all rubblestone, representing two ages. The center unit is said to be the oldest. This three bay unit is two and one half stories high, having two gabled dormers on the gable flank roof. Dormer lights are six over six. Corbeled brick chimneys are located at each gable end.

Windows in this unit are six lights over six. A doorway is located in the northeastern bay of the north facade. This has a three light transom. The door is a replacement. An entrance porch is located at this doorway.

Inside, the first floor of this unit is divided into a dining room and kitchen. Walls, visible in passageways, are very thick-approximately 2½ feet. Floors are replaced. Walls are papered and have chair rails. A fireplace is located on the west wall of the dining room. A fireplace on the east wall of the kitchen has been closed up. There had also been a winding stairway near the fireplace in this room.

Rooms on the second floor have been altered. Originally, there was a side hall off which entrance was gained into bedrooms. The hall is now in the center and bedrooms are on either side. This alteration occurred in the 1930's. Ceiling beams are visible and these are beaded.

The attic of this unit was altered in the 1930's as well. A bathroom and large bedroom with finished walls and ceilings are now located in the attic. A small area of the attic, used for storage, was not finished off and beams are visible.

There is no cellar under this unit.

To the west of the center unit is a stone unit alleged to have been built circa 1810. This two and a half story section extends the center unit by two, large bays. Two gabled dormers, identical to those of the center unit, are on this section's slate roof. Windows on the north and south facade of this unit are eight lights over eight. Windows on the west are four over four. A corbeled brick chimney is located at the unit's outside gable end. It is constructed of rubblestone below the roof ridge line. The principle entrance is on the south facade. Double hung, paneled doors are present at this entrance. The door has a large iron box lock. A four light transom is over head. On the opposite facade a wide, six panel door forms the through hall. This door also has a large box lock. Windows and doors have louvered shutters.

Inside, the first floor of this unit is divided into a living room and through hall. Chair rails are in both rooms. Moulded panels are around the windows. A fireplace on the west wall has a simple mantle shelf and doric style colonettes. The stairway to the second floor is in the northeast corner of the hallway.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although names and house descriptions on the early tax records of Harford County do not match the measurements of Woodview, it is possible that this house is quite old and dates prior to the 1798 Federal Tax List. Pue Family tradition believes the center unit of this house to have been built prior to the American Revolution by a man named Bull. The two end units are said to have been built circa 1810. Although this information is by no means conclusive, the architectural details of the three units point to some truth in the traditional beliefs.

Caleb Pue purchased portions of the property in question during the years 1817 and 1825. One deed mentions buildings existing on the property conveyed in 1817. A house is also mentioned in an earlier deed reference dated 1802. Caleb Pue also purchased the Duncale Mill (HA-1117) in 1831 and this remained in family hands for approximately 210 years.

Mr. Crocker is a descendant of the Pue family and this house has been in the same family for over 150 years.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 28.62 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is bounded on the North by a private land, on the west by Sommerville Road, and on the south by Plum Tree Road.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER

102 South Hickory Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

DATE

3/78

TELEPHONE

838-6000, ext. 207

STATE

MD 21014

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Physical Description continued

This unit has the only cellar.

On the east is a two story stone unit, thought to have been added around the same time the west unit was constructed. This served as a kitchen wing. Windows are six lights over six. There is a doorway on the north facade and in the east gable end. That door is board and batten and it leads to a one story porch at that end. The roof is slate covered and has a corbeled brick chimney.

Inside, the floor of this unit had been dirt until 1932 when wooden flooring was laid. Walls are plaster over stone. A large cooking fireplace on the east wall has been converted for use of a Franklin Stove. A stairway is located along the west wall. This leads to servants' quarters on the upper level. Originally there were three small rooms upstairs. This area is now used as one bedroom.

Title Search

Michael Crocker

GRG	364	234	10/17/1951	Grantor: Clara P. Graham, Elizabeth P. Williams and Berthenia P. Crocker Grantee: Michael Crocker Acreage: 28.62 acres
SWC	227	196	9/15/1933	Grantor: Samuel G. Crocker, Jr. Grantee: Clara P. Graham, Elizabeth P. Williams and Berthenia P. Crocker Acreage: "Everley Hills" - formerly known "Woodview" - presently known Including buildings
SWC	223	330	5/5/1932	Grantor: John Edward Graves and Mamie A. Graves, wife Grantee: Samuel G. Crocker, Jr. Acreage: Buildings
DGW	216	76	3/29/1930	Grantor: Henry T. Crocker and wife Grantee: John Edward Graves and wife Acreage: 29 acres mentions present name as "Tarheelia"
JAR	166	445	10/6/1919	Grantor: Ferdinand C. Lathrobe and wife Grantee: Henry T. Crocker Acreage: 45 acres
JAR	137	368	7/29/1912	Grantor: Alexander B. Houston and wife Grantee: Harry B. White and wife
WSF	127	359	11/29/1909	Grantor: Benjamin Adams and Maggie C. Adams Grantee: Alexander B. Houston and Mary L. Houston
WSF	125	54	6/9/1908	Grantor: Walter W. Preston Grantee: Benjamin and Maggie C. Adams
WSF	125	54	6/9/1908	Grantor: Thomas White Hall, assignee Grantee: Walter W. Preston
WSF	113	342	11/8/1904	Grantor: Walter W. Preston and T.H. Robinson Grantee: Michael E. Pue Acreage: Being the home or dwelling house and adjoining land at Woodview - the residence of the late Michael E.

X Angus Greme House
Maidens Bower
Johnston N. Hegeman

Wayside
Mr. Roy Eliot
Trappe Church and Darlington Rd.
Darlington

Berkeley Manor
John Clark
Old Rigbie Place
457-4986

Shoulderbone - English Bond
Edward Dukehart
Madonna Road
Jarrettsville
692-6528 567-7163

Scotts Old Field
Bel Air Cemetery

X Constant Friendship
Check w/planning
ownership
Clyde Dennis
676-6391

Joshua's Meadows

Edward Davis
716 Old Fallston Road
879-0587

Wilson Smith
Connolly Road
(Part of Bond's Forest)
877-7015

X The Mound
877-7606

James Barrow near
Barrow Bull House

Walnut Hill *Meadow Farm*
Mrs. Paul Ester Jaeger
457-4958

James Rutledge
Nelson Mill Road
Jarrettsville

John Nicholas Nelson Prop. (1798)
Housner
Occ.- Dan Brooks
149 Madonna Road
692-6473

X Kracke House

X Wood View
1320 ~~Sommerville~~ Road
Michael Crocker
838-6530

*down
ring factory road
past stone house (gone)
Sommerville road on
left.*

Daniel Hicks
Across from Hazel Dell
879-8900

Fallsmont
Mr. Masters
2707 Fallsmont Drive
Fallston
879-9121

X Dr. Kilchenstein
Check w/Mrs. Johnson

X Paul V. Dorrett
Lee Tenant
2802 Jerusamlem Road

porch

6/6

Board
&
Batten

Franklin
stove

6/6

cellar
under
living room

Dirt floor
til 1932

plaster
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stone

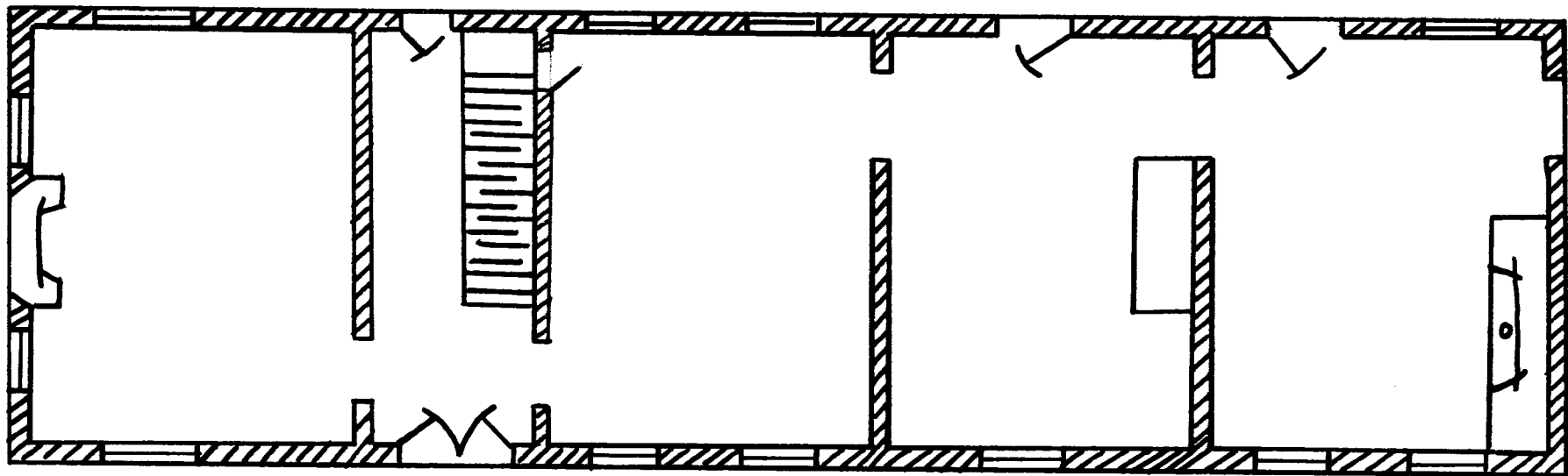
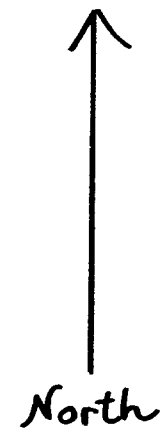
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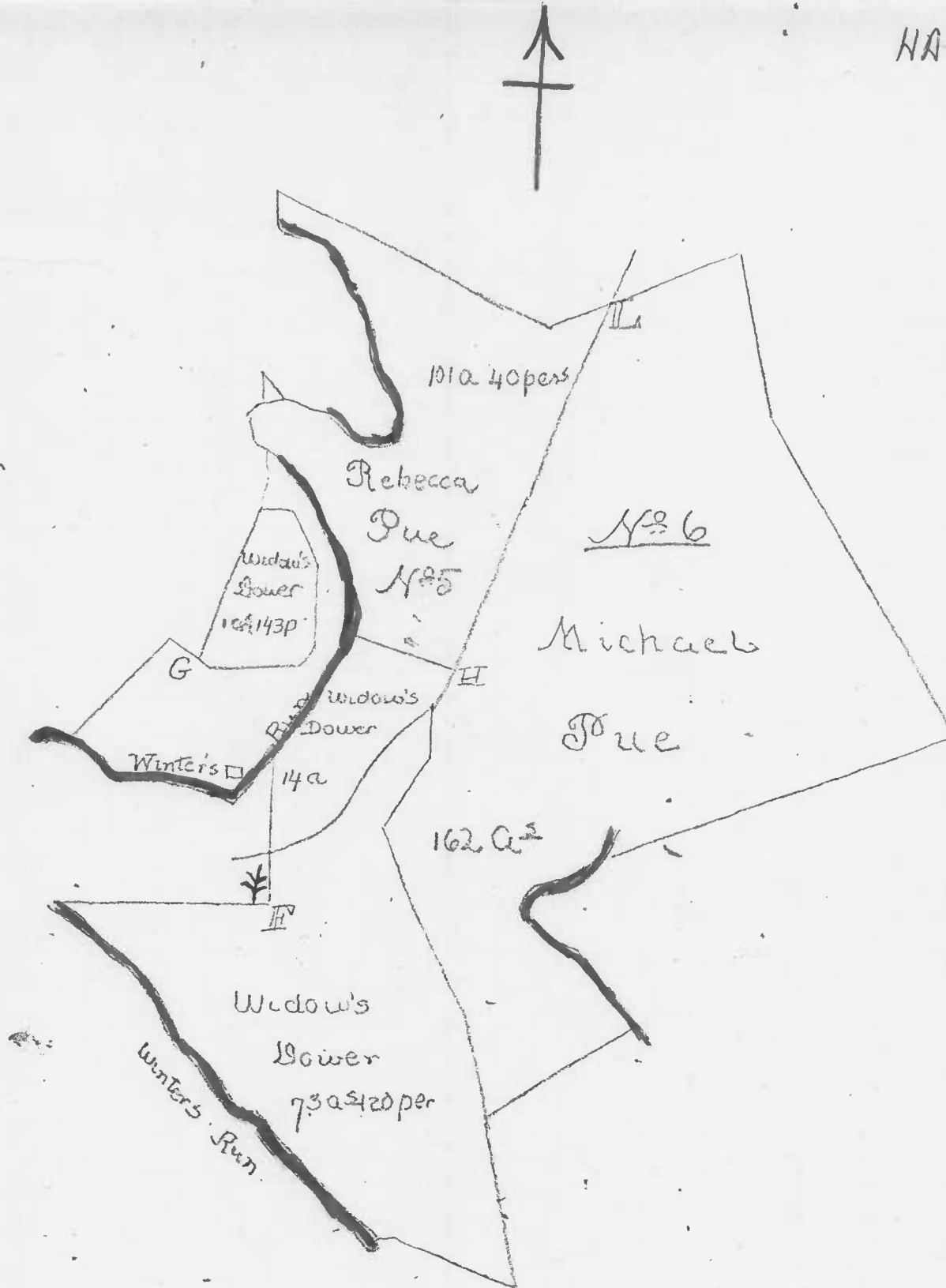
Pue, grandfather of grantee herein.

WSF	113	93	6/3/1904	Grantor: Thomas H. Robinson and Walter W. Robinson, trustees Grantee: Ramsey L. Magness Acreage: 45 acres
WSF	84	106		Second National Bank vs. Edward H.D. and Cornelia Pue
JMM	11	145	3/23/1882	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Michael E. Pue Grantee: Edward H. Pue
WSF	83	490		Mentions: "being the same land laid off to Michael E. Pue in the proceedings to divide the Real Estate of Caleb Pue his father..."
WSF	86	481		Mentions: "and also the part containing seventy three acres laid off for a dower which the said Michael acquired at the death of his mother."
Equity HD	5	280	4/6/1841	Michael E. Pue vs George J. and Mary E. Kennard and others Caleb Pue: "the farm and premises whereon the said deceased resided at the time of his death composed of a tract of land called "Gibson's Ridge" a tract called "Addition to Gibson's Ridge" part of a tract called Claggett's Forest and part of another tract, name unknown, which was purchased by the said Caleb Pue from William Morris, containing aggregate of 270 acres" also "Small" and "Duncale" 38½ acres and known as Mitchell Mills and other property. Widow Eliza Pue, children: Michael E., Mary E. Kennard, and Rebecca under age 21.
HD	1	175	12/10/1817	Grantor: Henry Martin Grantee: Caleb Pue Acreage: Gibson's Ridge and Addition to Gibson's Ridge 55¼ acres "Together with all and singular the buildings, improvements woodways, etc."
HD	8	136	5/4/1825	Grantor: William Morris Grantee: Caleb Pue

				Acreage:	"a certain piece, parcel or tract of Land situate lying and being in Harford County on a stream of water called Plumb Tree Run....intersects given line of...Gibson Ridge 20 acres
HD	W	309	3/6/1812	Grantor:	John Swinyard Whitaker
				Grantee:	Henry Martin
				Acreage:	Part of Gibson's Ridge 125 acres Addition to Gibson's Ridge 55 1/4 acres
HD	Y	259	3/15/1815	Grantor:	John Kean
				Grantee:	Henry Martin
				Acreage:	Writ was issued in 1811 to sell John S. Whitaker's "chattles, lands, and tenements" Gibson's Ridge 125 acres Addition to Gibson's Ridge the word "premises" is mentioned
HD	Y	51			
HD	Y	228		Grantor:	Joseph and William Saunders
				Grantee:	William Morris
				Acreage:	A portion of their brother Thomas's estate: Gibson's Ridge 45 acres (Thomas received the property from their father - Edward)
Baltimore Land Records			3/6/1733	Grantor:	Henry Rhooes
				Grantee:	Edward Saunders
				Acreage:	Portion of Gibson's Ridge
HD	S	36	2/16/1805	Grantor:	Thomas Bond
				Grantee:	William Morris
				Acreage:	20 acres Gibson's Ridge at Plumb Tree Run
HD	Q	187	8/12/1802	Grantor:	Israel Morris
				Grantee:	William Morris
				Acreage:	Gibson's Ridge "together with all and singular the Mills Buildings, and Improvements, houses, outhouses thereon being erected and made with the timber; Trees, woods underwoods, etc."
				Grantor:	Jonathan Rumford, Wilmington, Delaware
				Grantee:	Israel Morris
				Acreage:	Gibson's Ridge

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Scale 50 perches to an Inch

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the Home Farm lying east of the road
now leading from Alexander Norris to
Lamptree's Factory

4/6/1841

5763 III SW
(JARRETTSVILLE)

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76°22'30"
39°30'

382000m E.

383

384

385

20'

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4372000m N.

Maryland

A 18/384280/4372690

B 18/384210/4372350

C 18/383950/4372230

D 18/383670/4372780





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Field and N. Lawrence

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N. field

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North facade 1820

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Detail - window c 1820 section

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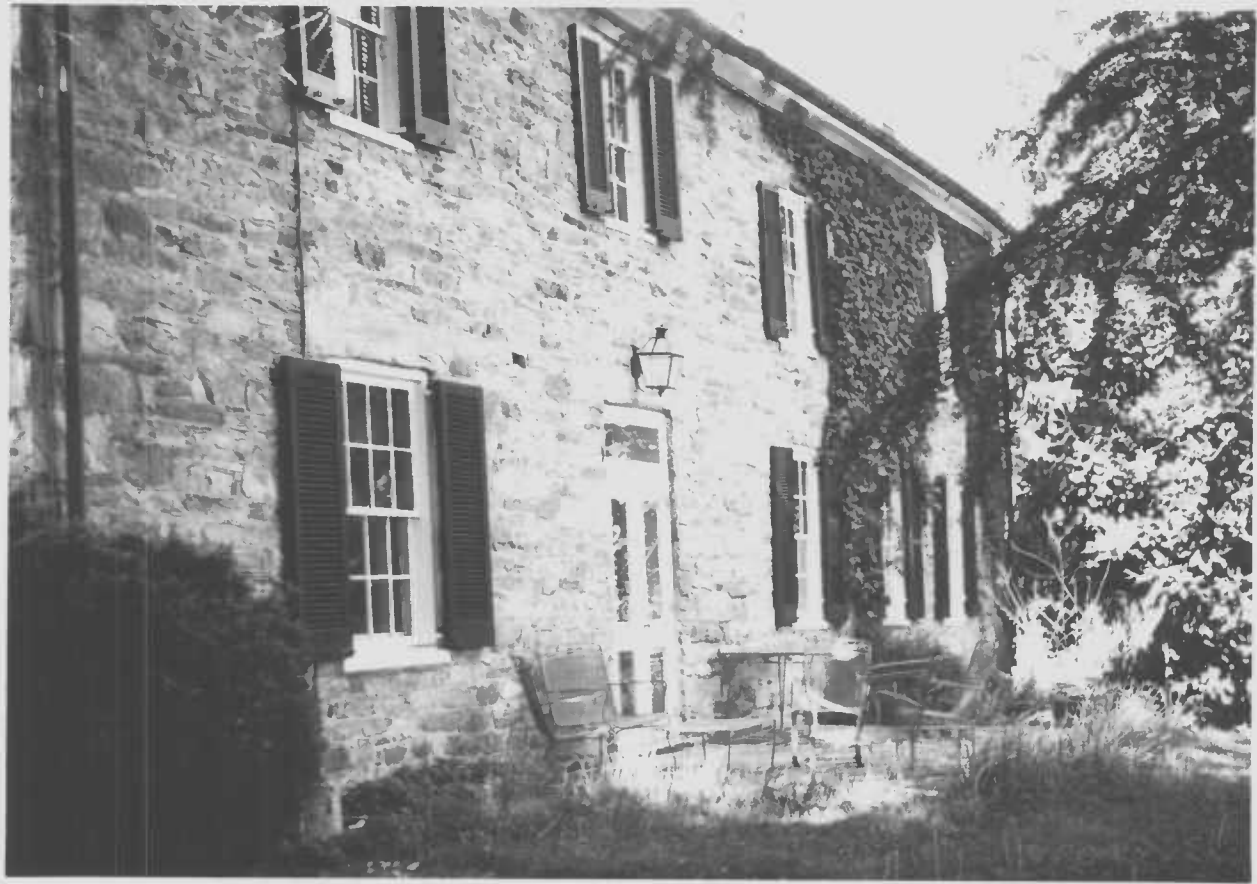
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S. facade

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Parlor

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Stair

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Dining Room door

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Spring House N facade

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Spring house S. facade

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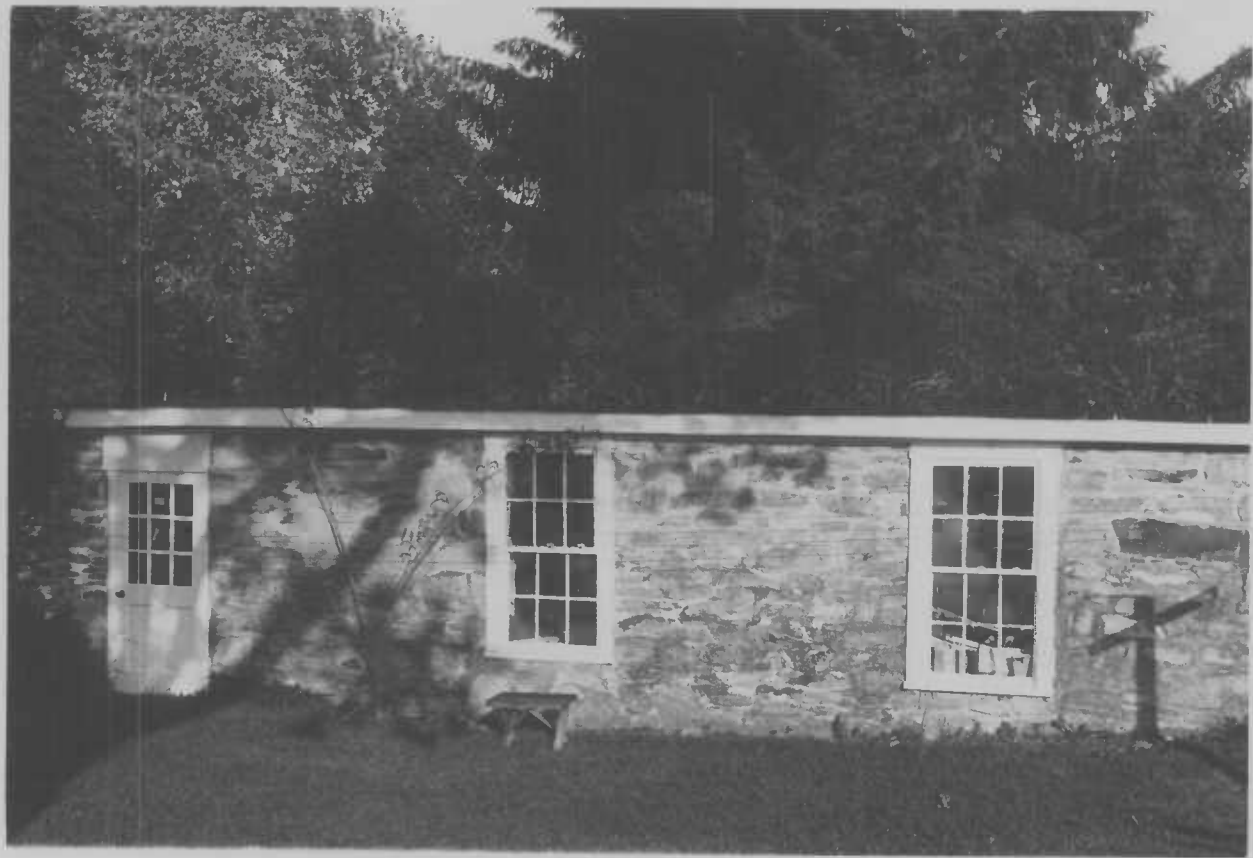
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Stable. Quarters. S facade

(non-contrib.)

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'Slaves, Quarters' E facade

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